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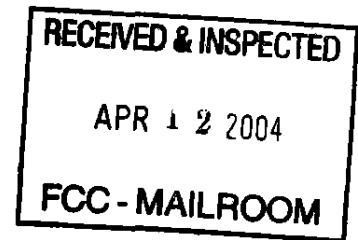
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The Shelby County, Indiana Sheriff's Department submits these comments on the U. S. DOJ/FBI/DEA Joint Petition filed on March 10, 2004, before the FCC requesting that the FCC resolve, on an expedited basis, various critically important issues arising from the implementation of the Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act (CALEA).

It is extremely important that the FCC adopt the rules proposed by the Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation and Drug Enforcement Administration. Congress enacted CALEA in 1994 to insure law enforcement has the ability to conduct authorized wiretaps as technologies change. Since 1994, many new communications technologies have arisen (e.g., broadband internet access, voice over IP telephony, as well as push-to-talk and other packet mode services). These new communications mediums pose a great challenge to law enforcement because providers of many of them have failed to voluntarily adopt currently available solutions.

Voluntary industry compliance and cooperation with CALEA does not work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas K. Debaun".

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